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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: STATE 227574

1. AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING SAW SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IVORIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY POLNEAU WHO, IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AKE, IS RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN ABIDJAN, AND URGED THAT IVORIAN DELEGATION ACTIVELY SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS AND, IF NECESSARY, VOTE AGAINST CUBAN RESOLUTION.

2. POLNEAU COMMENTED THAT, AS WE KNEW, IVORY COAST DID NOT, REPEAT, NOT CONSIDER PUERTO RICO A "COLONY" OF THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS GLAD TO KNOW THAT IVORIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED HIMSELF IN FAVOR OF CONSENSUS APPROACH. POLNEAU COULD NOT ENGAGE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT TO GO FURTHER THAN ABSTENTION, BUT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTER AKE IN PARIS AND ALSO OBTAIN VIEWS OF IVORIAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK ON TACTICAL SITUATION.

3. AMBASSADOR STRESSED IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE AND REPEATED THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED AT THIS STAGE WAS ACTIVE SUPPORT
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FOR AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS AND UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION TO CUBAN/ IRAQI DRAFT AND ENGLISH TEXT OF PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENTS.

4. POLNEAU REPEATED THAT IVORY COAST DID NOT BELIEVE THAT UNITED STATES WAS OPPRESSING PUERTO RICANS -- INDEED, POLNEAU PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM WOULD BE TO MAKE PUERTO RICO FIFTY-FIRST STATE, BUT IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY

IMPLICATIONS OF MORE ACTIVE IVORIAN ROLE IN NEW YORK. POLNEAU
WOULD DO HIS BEST TO HELP.
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